

RESPONSIBILITY- LIABILITY

All possible care will be taken during the rehearsal and videotaping process to ensure the safety of all musical and supporting instruments and equipment. However, the **VA facility cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage incurred during the process.**

Participants will be required to give written consent allowing the production and use of Verbal or Written Statements, Photographs, Digital Images, and/or Video or Audio Recordings by VA for competition and publicity purposes.

JUDGING

A panel of judges will use the criteria indicated within each division referenced in the 2021 competition handbook.

SOCIAL

Check out our website at:

www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov

Local first place entries in each category will have the opportunity to compete in the 2021 National Veterans Creative Arts Competition. Entries in Dance, Drama and Music divisions must be submitted via digital video format (MP4, WMV, MOV).

If you need assistance with video recording, please contact the facility by Wednesday June 30th, 2021. All videos are due by Friday July 30th, 2021.

Presented by



National Veterans Creative Arts Program



2021 Performing Arts Division



The VA Art Competition provides Veterans with an opportunity to be recognized for their creative accomplishments.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All videos are due Friday July 30th, 2021.

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RULES

- To qualify for entry, Veterans must be enrolled in the VA Healthcare System **BEFORE** entering the local competition.
- Entries must have been written or recorded after April 1, 2020.
- VA facility staff and competition judges may move an entry to another category if necessary.
- A Veteran may enter up to three categories, but **ONLY** one entry per category.

Special Recognition

This category is in each division and recognizes individuals who exhibit creative expression while possessing significant physical or psychological limitations. The intent of this category is to reinforce the concept of the arts as therapy, where an individual uses artistic expression to facilitate successful outcomes.

A statement must be included with the entry, not to exceed 225 words, can be written by the Veteran or the Veteran's VA staff contact person, nurse, physician or practitioner.

Dance Division Categories

Ballroom
Latin Ballroom
Country/Western/Folk/Ethnic
Modern/Contemporary
Tap, Jazz or Ballet
Line Dance
Interpretive Movement
Freestyle/Hip Hop
Novelty

Drama Division Categories

Dramatic Prose
Patriotic Prose
Inspirational Prose
Comedy Prose
Dramatic Poetry
Patriotic Poetry
Inspirational Poetry
Comedy Poetry
Interpretive Performance -Dramatic
Interpretive Performance-Novelty
Multimedia Video

Music Division

Vocal Categories

Country/Folk/Bluegrass – solo/group
Pop – solo/group
Rock/Blues – solo/group
Rap/Hip Hop
Classical/World/Ethnic
Jazz
R&B/Soul/Funk
Broadway
Patriotic
Spiritual
Original Vocal

Music Division

Instrumental Categories

Country/Folk/Bluegrass – solo/group
Pop – solo/group
Jazz/R&B/Soul – solo/group
Rock/Blues
Broadway
Patriotic
Spiritual
Classical
World/Ethnic
Drums/Percussion
Original Instrumental

Music

Band Categories

Country/Folk/Bluegrass/Pop
Jazz/R&B/Soul/Rock/Blues